

Outcome – NPS Grants Request For Proposals
FFY 2005 Grants for Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Control Projects
 Maine Department of Environmental Protection
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The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) plans to provide grants for 18 NPS projects to help restore or protect lakes, streams, or coastal waters that are impaired or considered threatened by polluted runoff. NPS projects help local communities recognize water pollution sources in watersheds and take action to restore or protect clean water. NPS grants will be funded with anticipated federal fiscal year 2005 monies provided to Maine by the EPA under Section 319 of the Federal Clean Water Act. DEP issued the RFP on March 29, 2004 and received 31 proposals on May 25th requesting at total of 1.5 million dollars. The 31 proposals were generally very strong. This response demonstrates that local community-based partnerships value clean water and are recognizing and finding solutions to NPS problems. An interagency review committee (DEP, EPA, MDOT and State Planning Office) evaluated and scored all proposals. Based on the planned allocation of 319 funds, DEP anticipates it will have sufficient monies to grant funds for only the 18 highest ranked projects. Unfortunately many excellent proposals could not be funded. DEP is working with project grantees to revise work plans as needed to secure final approval. Grant awards are subject to receipt of federal 319 funds under the FFY 2005 319 budget. Grants are tentatively planned to enable start-up of projects in about April 2005.
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Proposals Summary

<i>Project Type</i>	<i>RFP Allocation Target</i>	<i>Funds Requested</i>	<i>Funds to be Awarded</i>
Watershed Projects	\$460,000	\$1,361,664 21 proposals	\$503,003 9 proposals
Watershed Surveys; or Watershed Management Plans	\$120,000	\$156,142 10 proposals	\$111,666 9 proposals

Projects to be Awarded NPS Grants in 2005

Proposal Title	Sponsor	Budget		
		Grant	Match	Total
Watershed Management Plans or Watershed Surveys				
Spruce Creek Watershed Survey	The Wells Reserve	10,400	13,325	23,725
Wilson, Dexter and Berry Ponds Watershed Survey	Cobbossee Watershed District	7,518	5,088	12,606
Moose Brook Watershed Survey	Friends of the Royal River	11,350	10,566	21,916
West Branch Piscataqua River Watershed Survey	Presumpscot River Watch	13,520	9,650	23,170
Megunticook Watershed: NPS Watershed Survey	Megunticook Watershed Association	15,415	12,876	28,291
Unity Pond Watershed Survey II	Waldo County SWCD	10,800	7,200	18,000
Taylor Pond Watershed Survey	Androscoggin Valley SWCD	12,368	8,982	21,350
Hancock and Sand Ponds Watershed Survey	Cumberland County SWCD	12,755	9,043	21,798
Dexter Lakes NPS Watershed Survey (Wasookeag, Echo)	Penobscot County SWCD	17,540	11,790	29,330

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<i>NPS Watershed Projects</i>				
Webber Pond Phosphorus Reduction Project	Kennebec County SWCD	77,362	55,442	132,804
Highland Lake Watershed Improvement Project	Cumberland County SWCD	98,008	65,529	163,537
Libby Brook Conservation Project	Cumberland County SWCD	57,176	45,165	102,341
New Meadows River Watershed Project	Town of Brunswick	38,500	37,799	76,299
Salmon-McGrath Load Abatement Project, Phase III	Kennebec County SWCD	49,360	34,004	83,364
Echo Lake Watershed NPS Remediation Project	Kennebec County SWCD	44,522	36,604	81,126
No Name Pond Conservation Project, Phase I	Androscoggin Valley SWCD	40,360	28,437	68,797
Lake Auburn NPS Improvement Project	Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission (LAWPC)	53,770	47,938	101,708
Panther Pond Conservation Project, Phase I	Town of Raymond	43,945	39,825	83,770
Totals, all project types		614,669	479,263	1,093,933